

Interesting question to address, What I would Like to See, or what I expect to see?

I would Like to see a thriving industry of food and fiber production in this State, highest quality at the low cost to the consumer as we have had.

What do I see for agriculture in the State of California in 2030 ? I do not see Agricultural at all in the State in California. Based on the performance of Both State and Federal governments, along with special interest groups, are forcing or regulating Food and Fiber production out of this country.

Where to start, Population increase, more and more people in California, building Homes and Apartments and businesses, restaurants etc. What about the natural resources to support this Growth, Water storage, water increase needs, energy resources, food production, Ag Production ground is being taken for this growth, any time some one gets a sinus infection or becomes ill it is due to the chemicals that are sprayed to protect the crop (that was really not sprayed) that is grown just down the road.

Endangered species? Again more rights than the human population, human population is more at risk than the animals, because of legislation. The Delta smelt has more rights to exist than man and an industry that must be viable, Agricultural, people need to eat to survive, no water is released from the Delta because a fish that lives one year, and no real benefit to mankind, We will save a fish at the expense of a human being, and his business of producing food and fiber for the masses, and employs hundreds of people.

Who will support these people out of work, who will feed them. And not just the people directly supported by the farmer, related industries, equipment people , mechanics, fuel delivery, insurance people , works comp, grocery stores, food processors, legislators, Regulatory, Ag commissioners, University Researchers, Tire changers, where does it stop.

Air pollution, in the San Joaquin Valley, laid at the feet of the farming industry, all the pollutants are generated right here, dust, VOC from chemical to protect there crops, pollutants from dairy manure, along with gasses given off by the cow as a natural function of eating and digestion, to produce milk, a main stay of many humans and other animals. Also pollutants produced from farming equipment, and transportation of food crops from field to consumer or processor. Engines that run on fossil fuels, that do not meet Air Resources Board standard, New equipment must be purchased at cost that is not even realistic.

It is very interesting that none of these air pollutants come from other parts of the State, like the Bay Area or Northern California. These areas are exempt from Air Resource board regulations because they have no pollution. It is also interesting to me that when there are fires in Northern Ca or on the Coast at Big Sur, Santa Cruz Mountains etc. the San Joaquin Valley fills with Smoke, and there are no fires, must be from fire place burning.

There Must be a mind set in Sacramento and Washington D.C. that food production in this State and others in the U.S. are not necessary. We can Source our Food and Fiber off Shore from Countries that do not have the over burden requirements to meet food safety and environmental standards that we already have in the US.

We can source all our needs off Shore like we do for petroleum, we will be controlled by some other foreign countries, we will not need to have a military to protect our rights, we will have none. We will be told what to do ,when to do it, how to do it and how much time you have to do it.

I feel the Legislators in Sacramento and D.C. don't know and don't care, they are on there own personal agenda, to make a name for themselves and get reelected. Why else would a legislator write legislation to change the name of mascots in High Schools, or law to prevent you have a pet on your lap while driving a motor vehicle, is this taking care of State Business.

They should be working on Water Storage, Dams, Reservoirs etc, alternative energy sources. What is more important to society, a fish that stops water movement, or some one that produces food and fiber, jobs consumes real goods that create additional jobs that will create additional consumers.

What kind of things that are needed, or not needed to welcome business in this country. Has any one thought of the real impact of increases in minimum wage, costs go up to all consumers, to cover the increases, benefits are cut, more part time employees, businesses close, increase unemployment.

How many of these legislators owned a business where they had to make payroll, follow all the regulations, and laws that are imposed to operate the business, pay taxes and surcharges that are involved.

Its time to evaluate where this state and country are headed on this slippery slope. What is real and what is perceived.

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